

Culberson, Craven, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Flanagan, Friend, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randle, Russell, Shepard, Stirman, Swift and Westfall—25.

NAYS—Senator Erath--1.

The next business in order being the consideration of the following resolution, offered by Senator Bradshaw, on Saturday last; it was taken up:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this body that further legislation upon the International bond question be postponed until after the constitutional convention.

On motion of Senator Bradley, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

### THIRTEENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, )  
AUSTIN, January 26, 1875. )

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Russell presented the petition of L. C. Ferguson, "Praying for certificate for one league and labor of land for services during the revolution." Read and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Culberson, Chairman Committee on Internal Improvements, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 543, "An act to improve the navigation of the Neches river, in the State of Texas, from Weiss' Bluff, on said river, to Bunn's Bluff," beg leave to report that they have considered said bill, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage. CULBERSON, Chairman.

Senator Davenport presented the following communication from the Secretary of State, and the accompanying documents:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, )  
AUSTIN, January 25, 1875. )

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

SIR:—In compliance with a resolution adopted by the

Senate, I have the honor to hand you herewith a certified copy of a contract made by the Board of Public Printing with John D. Elliott, on the 26th day of December, 1874, which contract is conditional and subject to the action of the two Houses of the Legislature.

Very Respectfully,

A. W. DEBERRY,  
Secretary of State.

Memorandum of agreement between the Board of Public Printing of the State of Texas, and John D. Elliot :

1. John D. Elliott agrees to do the current printing for both Houses of the Legislature of Texas, at the session, commencing Tuesday, January 12th, 1875, in a prompt and workmanlike manner, and at the following prices :

For Governor's message, reports, etc., one fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of a cent per page for first five hundred copies, and for any number of additional copies, one-fifth ( $\frac{1}{5}$ ) of a cent per page.

For printing two hundred copies of bills, resolutions, memorials, etc., in accordance with specifications of law, two dollars and sixty-two and a half cents (\$2 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) per page for the number of pages in each copy thereof.

For such other work as may be required, such compensation as may be deemed equitable and just, upon the basis of the above figures.

For printing the daily official proceedings or journals of both Houses of the Legislature, fifty per centum of the actual cost of composition.

2. This contract is conditional and subject to the action of the two Houses of the Legislature.

December 26th, 1874.

RICHARD COKE, Governor,  
A. W. DEBERRY, Sec. of State,  
Printing Board.

JOHN D. ELLIOTT.

[“ Filed in the Department of State, December 26, 1874.”]

A. W. DEBERRY, Sec. of State.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. )  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE. )

I, A. W. DeBerry, Secretary of the State for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original contract made by the Board of Public Printing for the State of Texas, with Jno. D. Elliott, on the 26th

day of December, 1874, which said original contract is now on file in this Department.

[L. S.] In testimony whereof I hereto sign my name  
and affix the seal of said Department at the  
city of Austin, this the 13th day of January  
A. D., 1875. A. W. DEBERRY,  
Secretary of State.

By leave, Senator Dillard introduced a joint resolution  
“Ratifying the contract made by the Printing Board with  
John D. Elliott, to do the current printing ordered by the  
Senate and House of Representatives of the Fourteenth  
Legislature.” Read first time.

On motion of Senator Dillard, the rules were suspended,  
resolution read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Swift, the rules were further sus-  
pended, resolution read third time and passed.

A message was received from the Governor.

Senator Ireland, Chairman Judiciary Committee, sub-  
mitted the following reports :

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back  
to the Senate, Senate bill No. 554, “An act to enable the  
citizens of Ledbetter to reorganize their municipal govern-  
ment,” and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back  
to the Senate, House bill No. 566, “An act creating the  
office of county attorney, and fixing the compensation of  
such office,” and recommend that it do not pass.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back to  
the Senate, Senate bill No. 498, “An act to enlarge the  
powers and define the duties of peace officers, in the exe-  
cution of process in criminal cases,” and recommend its  
passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Judiciary, ask leave to report back  
to the Senate, House bill No. 599, “An act to amend an

act entitled 'an act to amend article 382, title XI, chapter 3, of the Penal Code,'" and recommend that it do pass.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back to the Senate, Senate bill No. 514, "An act to amend 'an act prescribing the time of holding the District Courts in the several Judicial Districts of the State,'" and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back to the Senate, House bill No. 564, "An act to authorize justices of the peace to authenticate process in certain cases," and recommend that it do not pass.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back to the Senate, Senate bill No. 546, "An act to regulate the times of holding courts in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District," and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back to the Senate, Senate bill No. 509, "An act to amend 'an act regulating elections,'" approved March 31, 1873, and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back to the Senate, Senate bill No. 499, "An act to authorize and enable peace officers to call to their aid the *posse* in the execution of criminal process, and in the preservation of the peace," and recommend that it do not pass.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back to the Senate, Senate bill No. 534, "An act supplemental to the registration act," and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back

to the Senate, Senate bill No. 490, "An act concerning land titles," and recommend that it do not pass.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 534, "An act to amend 'an act to reorganize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the time for holding the courts therein,'" report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 557, "An act prescribing the times of holding courts in the Thirteenth Judicial District of the State," instruct me to report the same back, with an amendment, and recommend its passage as amended.

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

Amend second section by adding "that no writ of process, bail bond or recognizance, executed or entered into before the courts, where times are changed by this act, shall thereby be invalid ; but such persons shall be bound to appear and answer and be held bound at the terms of the courts as fixed by this act, the same as if no change had been made in the times of said court."

JOHN IRELAND, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Ball, the rules were suspended and Senate bill No. 557, "An act prescribing the times of holding the district courts in the Thirteenth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to repeal an act passed by the Fourteenth Legislature, and approved May 1st, 1874," were taken up and read second time, pending an amendment by the committee reporting on said bill.

The amendment of the committee was adopted. The bill as amended was then ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Ball, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Senator Stirman, Chairman Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 551, "An act to prohibit the manufacture

or sale of intoxicating liquors within two miles of the public square of Honey Grove, Texas," having considered the same, instruct me to report said bill to your honorable body, and recommend its passage, with the accompanying amendment:

Section three of said bill shall be so amended as to read as follows: "That this act take effect and be in force from and after the first of July, 1875."

W. B. STIRMAN, Chairman.

Senator Bradshaw, Chairman Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 518, "An act to provide for the sale of lands heretofore granted to the various counties in this State for educational purposes," have carefully examined and amended the same, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage as amended.

Amend section eight, line four, by striking out the word "legislature" after the word "thirty" and inserting the words "order of the respective counties to which said lands belong."

Senator Joseph, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 480, "An act to amend an act to incorporate the Lake City Railway Company, and to aid the construction of the said railway," approved May 2d, 1874. Also, Senate bill No. 495, "An act to authorize the county court of Galveston county to use certain special funds, in the payment of her bonded debt." Also, Senate bill No. 503, "An act appropriating five thousand dollars to improve the Capitol grounds." Also, Senate bill No. 451, "An act to incorporate the Houston, East and West Texas Railway Company, and to promote the construction of the railway." Also, Senate bill No. 547, "An act to validate the acts of J. B. B. Supple, notary public of Bell county." Also, Senate bill No. 524, "An act to amend section eight of an act to incorporate the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Company, and

to grant land in aid of the construction of the same," passed May 28th, 1873; and find all of same correctly engrossed.

JOSEPH, for Committee.

Senator Westfall, for Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following reports:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report that they have carefully examined, and find correctly enrolled, the following Senate bills, viz: Senate bill No. 494, "An act making an appropriation to pay F. Voigt, custodian of the public halls of the Capitol, the public library, Capitol grounds and State cemetery." Senate bill No. 513, "An act validating the official acts of Jas. W. Bennett, as sheriff of Lavaca county, and providing for the execution of his bond as sheriff of said county," and have this 26th day of January, 1875, presented the same to the Governor for his approval, at 10 o'clock A. M.

WM. H. WESTFALL, for Committee.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of House bill No. 631, "An act supplemental to an act to create and provide for the organization of Tom Green county," approved March 13, 1874. Also, the passage of substitute to House bill No. 538, "An act to amend the tenth section of an act entitled 'an act prescribing the times of holding the district courts in the several judicial districts in the State,'" approved August 10th, 1870; approved April 29th, 1874.

Senator Westfall presented a petition from the county court of Travis county, "For authority to create a county debt, and with the proceeds to build a court house and jail in the city of Austin." Read and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Westfall introduced a bill entitled "An act to authorize the county court of Travis county to issue and dispose of the bonds of said county, for the purpose of completing a court house and jail, and to provide a mode for the redemption of the same." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Senator Culbertson, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill No. 467, "An act concerning the location of the courthouse in Marion county," was taken up, read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Culberson, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the rules were suspended, and substitute to House bill No. 106, "An act to incorporate the Wesleyan University," was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the rules were suspended, and bill read second time.

Senator Westfall offered the following amendment: "Strike out in the caption of the bill the word "Wesleyan" and insert the word "South Western." Adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time, as amended, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Allison, Ball, Baker, Bradshaw, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Craven, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Erath, Flanagan, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randle, Russell, Shepard, Stirman, Swift and Westfall—27.

NAYS—None.

On motion of Senator Stirman, the rules were suspended, and House bill No. 563, "An act to incorporate the Corsicana and Palestine Railroad Company, and aid in constructing the same by granting lands thereto," was taken up and read second time, pending an amendment recommended by the committee reporting on said bill.

The amendment of the committee was adopted.

Senator Stirman offered the following amendment: Add the names of James H. Gee, R. M. Jackson and W. L. Darden, of Anderson county. Adopted.

The bill, as amended, then passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Bradley, the rules were suspended, bill read third time and passed, by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Baker, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Erath, Flanagan, Friend, Hobby, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randle, Russell, Shepard, Stirman and Westfall—24.

NAYS—Senators Allison, Bradshaw—2.

(Senator Hobby in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Swift, the rules were suspended, and House bill No. 573, "An act to prohibit the sale of in-



toxicating and spirituous liquors within two miles of Buena Vista," was taken up and read second time.

Senator Dwyer offered the following amendment :

Amend the caption of the bill by adding the words "and Lavernia, in Wilson county," and insert the same words after the words "Buena Vista," in the first section of the bill. Adopted.

The bill, as amended, then passed to third reading.

The rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Erath, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill No. 506, "An act supplemental and amendatory to the several acts authorizing the sale and disposition of the University lands in the State of Texas," was taken up, read second time and ordered engrossed.

Rules further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

(Senator Wood in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Hobby, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill No. 543, "An act to improve the navigation of the Neches River, in the State of Texas, from Weiss' Bluff, on said river, to Bunn's Bluff," was taken up and read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Hobby, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Baker, Bradshaw, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Craven, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Erath, Flanagan, Friend, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randle, Russell, Stirman, Swift, Westfall and Wood—26.

NAYS—Senator Allison—1.

On motion of Senator Camp, the rules were suspended, and substitute for House bill No. 538, "An act to amend an act to amend the tenth section of an act entitled 'an act prescribing the times of holding the district courts in the several judicial districts in the State of Texas,' " approved August 10, 1870 ; approved April 29, 1874, was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the rules were suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Camp, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the reso-

lution offered by Senator Dwyer, it was adopted, by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Ball, Baker, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Craven, Dwyer, Ellis, Flanagan, Friend, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randle, Russell, Stirman, Swift, Westfall and Wood—22.

NAYS—Senators Allison, Bradshaw, Bradley, Dillard, Davenport, Erath, Hobby and Shepard—8.

Senator Dwyer introduced a bill entitled "An act exempting the 'Alamo Church property' from taxation." Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

(The President in the chair.)

The President announced that the next business in order was the resolution offered by Senator Bradshaw, on Saturday last, in regard to the International Road.

Senator Dwyer offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the resolution introduced by the Senator from Ellis, relative to consideration of settlement of the International bond question, and Senate bill No. 463, "An act to compromise with the International Railroad Company" be made the special order for Thursday next, at 11 o'clock A. M., and to continue from day to day until disposed of.

Senator Dillard moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution offered by Senator Dwyer. Lost, by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Allison, Ball, Bradshaw, Bradley, Craven, Dillard, Davenport, Erath and Parker—9.

NAYS—Senators Baker, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Dwyer, Ellis, Flanagan, Friend, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Randle, Russell, Shepard, Stirman, Smith, Westfall and Wood—21.

Senator Ellis called up the resolution offered by him some days since, in regard to the time of adjournment of the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Senator Dillard the resolution was referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Westfall introduced a bill, entitled, "An act granting a charter to John L. Miller, to create, keep and run a ferry-boat at Montopolis crossing, on the Colorado river, in Travis county." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

House bill No. 587, "An act to amend Article 612a of

the Penal Code," was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

House bill No. 559, "An act to amend section one of 'an act directing the publication of the expenditures, assets and indebtedness of the several counties,'" approved March 8, 1873, was taken up, read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 484, "An act to amend section eight of an act, entitled, 'an act to regulate the assessment of and collection of taxes,'" passed May 31, 1873, was read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Ireland, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Shepard, the rules were suspended and Senate bill No. 534, "An act supplemental to 'an act to provide for the registration of voters,'" and to repeal "an act to provide for a special registration of voters preparatory to an election under the provisions of an act to authorize counties, cities and towns, to aid in the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvement," approved April 29, 1873, was taken up and read second time.

Senator Wood offered the following amendment: Amend the bill by striking out the word "deputy" wherever it occurs. Adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered engrossed.

Rules suspended, bill read third time and lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Allison, Baker, Bradley, Craven, Dwyer, Erath, Ireland, Joseph, Morris, Russell, Shepard and Wood—12.

NAYS—Senators Bradshaw, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Dillard, Davenport, Ellis, Flanagan, Hobby, Ledbetter, Moore, Parker, Stirman, Swift and Westfall—15.

Senate bill No. 502, "An act to make an appropriation to repair certain public buildings," was taken up and read second time.

On motion of Senator Swift, the bill was referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the rules were suspended and Senate bill No. 530, "An act for the relief of J. W. Pope, special judge," was taken up, read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the rules were further

suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Allison, Baker, Bradshaw, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Craven, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Erath, Flanagan, Friend, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Russell, Shepard, Stirman, Swift, Westfall and Wood—28.

NAYS—None.

On motion of Senator Parker, the message of the Governor, received this morning, was taken up and read:

The message was as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, )  
AUSTIN, January 26th, 1875. )

*To the Hon. Senate of the State of Texas :*

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointments, to-wit :

John M. Smith, Aaron Rambie, Thos. A. Rodriguez, to be notaries public, Atascosa county ; Geo. R. Dashiell, to be notary public, Bexar county ; Geo. A. Craven, to be notary public, Bee county ; J. B. B. Supple, to be notary public, Bell county ; S. H. Coon, to be notary public, Bosque county ; C. L. Pitcher, Jas. H. Smelser, H. J. K. Brewsig, to be notaries public, Bowie county ; P. M. Thurmond, to be notary public, Brown county ; Thos. C. Thomson, W. K. Homar, to be notaries public, Burleson county ; Jas. A. Wiley, C. B. Collins, to be notaries public, Caldwell county ; Jas. Armstrong, to be notary public, Chambers county ; E. L. Shropshire, to be notary public, Comanche county ; John Henry Brown, to be notary public, Dallas county ; B. L. Royse, to be notary public, Fannin county ; Heber Stone, to be notary public, Galveston county ; M. D. Anderson, Geo. P. Smith, W. R. Morris, Wm. M. Lay, to be notaries public, Guadalupe county ; Isaac H. Steen, J. J. Beeman, to be notaries public, Hamilton county ; J. W. Gilmore, to be notary public, Hays county ; A. V. Shropshire, J. N. Doyle, W. H. Milwer, to be notaries public, Hood county ; J. H. Sanders, to be notary public, Jasper county ; R. L. Bacon, to be notary public, Kerr county ; Laurent Queutte, to be notary public, Kinney county ; Wm. M. Burns, V. B. Shearn, to be notaries public, Lee county ; C. D. Erwin, to be notary public, Leon county ; Henry M. Holmes, to be notary pub-

lic, Mason county; Bryan T. Barry, to be notary public, Navarro county; J. B. Hollingsworth, to be notary public, Rusk county; J. S. Woods, to be notary public, Rockwall county; G. A. Kirkland, to be notary public, Shackelford county; Wm. P. Gaines, to be notary public, Travis county; John T. Griffin, to be notary public, Waller county; Felix W. Robertson, C. C. Garrett, to be notaries public, Washington county; N. W. King, to be notary public, Wharton county; L. J. Randall, to be notary public, Wise county; P. Tackitt, to be notary public, Young county.

Very respectfully,

RICHARD COKE.

On motion of Senator Parker, the Senate went into Executive session, to consider the message of his Excellency, just received, as well as the other one of a recent date.

IN SENATE.

The Secretary was instructed to inform his Excellency that the Senate does advise and consent to all the appointments named in the two communications of his Excellency, except those of W. K. Homan, of Burleson county, A. V. Shropshire, of Hood county, and C. D. Erwin, of Leon county—these names having been left off for future consideration.

Senator Hobby submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have to report that Senate bill No. 473, "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to organize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the times of holding courts therein,'" has been correctly enrolled, and this day at 1:15 P. M., presented to the Governor.

HOBBY, Chairman.

Senate Bill No. 469, "An act to incorporate the Brazos, Clear Creek and Galveston Canal Company," was taken up and read second time, pending an amendment offered by the committee.

The amendment of the committee was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the rules were sus-

pending, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Baker, Bradshaw, Burton, Camp, Culberson, Dillard, Dwyer, Ellis, Flanagan, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Randle, Russell, Shepard and Westfall—18.

NAYS—Senators Allison, Craven, Davenport, Erath, Moore, Parker and Wood—7.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of Senate joint resolution No. 447, "condemning the interference with and destruction of the State Government of Louisiana, by the present Federal administration," with amendments by the House.

On motion of Senator Allison, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill No. 492, "An act to regulate public roads in the State of Texas," was taken up and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

On motion of Senator Stirman, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

#### FOURTEENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, January 27, 1875.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Senator Stirman presented the petition of citizens of Kaufman county, "asking relief for R. B. Shaw, ex-sheriff of said county." Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Burton presented the petition of citizens of Fort Bend county, "in regard to a new jail for said county." Read and referred to Finance Committee.

Senator Ireland, Chairman Judiciary Committee, submitted the following reports:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Judiciary ask leave to report back to the Senate, Senate bill No. 541, "An act to authorize